

On April 3, 2008, a solemn and dignified book-launching ceremony was held at the Library of Congress of the United States; on occasion of the first release of a fact-recording book entitled H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III, jointly published by the World Buddhism Publishing LLC and the World Dharma Voice, Inc. At the same time, the book was formally accepted into the collection of the Library of Congress of the United States. From then on, people came to know that the widely respected Master Wan Ko Yee, the one who has been recognized and corroborated through official written documents issued by top leaders, regent dharma kings, and great rinpoches of major Buddhist sects throughout the world; actually, is the third incarnation of Dorje Chang Buddha, the primordial Buddha. Ever since, people address the Buddha by the name Dorje Chang Buddha III. This is similar to the precedent regarding the name of Sakyamuni Buddha—before Sakyamuni Buddha attained Buddhahood, His name was Prince Siddhartha Gotama. Once Prince Siddhartha Gotama attained Buddhahood, He was thereafter addressed as “Namo Sakyamuni Buddha.”

On December 12, 2012, in the Senate Resolution No. 614 of the United States Congress, the title “His Holiness” was officially used with the name Dorje Chang Buddha III; the Buddha was addressed as “H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III.” Since then, the title H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III was definitively affirmed.

“Dorje Chang Buddha III” is a statutory name; used in all official documents issued by the United States Government; such as passport, identity card, and social security documents. The previous name “Wan Ko Yee” is no longer valid, with no legal-binding effect, and no longer recognized by governments. “Dorje Chang Buddha III” is the only name in use.

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Royal Academy of Arts was founded by King George III in 1768. Up to now it has more than two hundred years history. It is a world-famous art institute. Many seasoned artists wish to pursue advanced study at this Academy. But this Academy admits only twenty extraordinary artists each year from all over the world to take courses for three years.

Professor Phillip King, President of Royal Academy Of Arts, announced during the award ceremony: Royal Academy Of Arts has a profound history. Today we are honored to award fellowship to the great artist and spiritual leader, Master Wan Ko Yee. This is a very important and honorable event of our Academy in the past more than two hundred years since our establishment. Therefore, Master Wan Ko Yee is the extraordinary art figure that we have been searching in more than two hundred years since our

establishment and could not find until today.

This is tremendous blessing of Royal Academy Of Arts. Our Academy has one hundred Royal Academicians, but there was no one who in the past more than two hundred years was awarded the above-mentioned Fellow. This noble position is awarded to only the most distinguished artist in the world.

Sir David Manning, Ambassador of United Kingdom to the United States, accompanied by Professor Phillip King and Professor Brendan Neiland, Keeper of Royal Academy Of Arts, met with Master Wan Ko Yee and his wife Professor Yuhua Wang. Sir David Manning showed his respect for the achievement of Master Wan Ko Yee and congratulated him for receiving such an honor. Mr. Andy Mackay, Director of Culture Department, The British Embassy attended the award ceremony today.

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The Keeper of Royal Academy of Arts highly praised Master Wan Ko Yee at the dinner banquet. He admired very much the talents and art of Master Yee. He was so excited that he took off his necktie and gave it to the Master. He said, "This tie was made by myself. On behalf of the President and the Curator of Royal Academy of Arts and myself, I give it to the Master to express our heartfelt respect for Fellow."

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ROYAL ACADEMY SCHOOLS

CONFERMENT OF FELLOWSHIP

The Royal Academy of Arts today conferred the fellowship of the Royal Academy School on Master Wan Ko YEE at the office of the British Council in Washington DC.

The Royal Academy was founded in 1768 by King George III. To this day it still enjoys the Royal Patronage. At the heart of the Royal Academy are 100 Royal Academicians and the Royal Academy schools. The Schools, the oldest in the country, are pre-eminent in the training of future generations of artists.

This is the first time the fellowship has been awarded to an internationally distinguished artist.

Phillip King, Brendan Neiland, John Wilkins

Prof. Phillip King
President

Prof. Brendan Neiland
Keeper

John Wilkins
Curator

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